



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-047: BUZZARD LAKE WILDLIFE AREA ROAD
MAINTENANCE AND ABANDONMENT PROJECT

Description of Proposal:

The Buzzard Lake Wildlife Area was acquired in 2008 to preserve mule deer habitat. This is a 2-year project in which roads on the Buzzard Lake Wildlife Area will be abandoned or brought up to standard as required by the Washington Dept. of Natural Resources - Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP).

This project will include -

- Abandonment and improvement of 4.5 miles of roads on the Buzzard Lake Wildlife Area.
- Barrier rock and/or pit traps to stop vehicle traffic on closed roads.
- Creating water bars on all road systems to limit sediment transport and bring roads to standard.
- Installing culverts where needed on roads that will continue to be utilized.

The project has been reviewed by the WDFW archaeologist, who has recommended a cultural resources survey prior to project initiation. The results of the survey will be provided to DAHP and the CCT for review prior to the initiation of construction.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Buzzard Lake Wildlife Area, 1680 Sinlahekin Road, Loomis, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 34N, Range 25E, Sections 20, 21, 28, and 29.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on July 22, 2014.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 7, 2014

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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